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EGBERT B. MOTT, JR.
CORRESPONDENCE
FROM
TIFFIN, OHIO
TO
AUBURN, INDIANA

September 24, 1846 to January 23, 1850, at which time he apparently went to California for the Gold Rush.

In a letter dated March 1, 1863, he talks of two shipments of gold for $10,000 each. Refers to his landlord as a secessionist.

In a letter dated June 4, 1874, from San Hose, California, to his sister, he tells of going to the coast and Pebble Beach.

Also, attached are excerpts from the Diary of Mary Mott from the 1870's.

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Tiffin Sept 24, 1846

Dear Father and Mother

To begin this my first letter to you I will tell you something about my journey out here. We arrived at Clarksville about 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday and took supper there. We then went on 4 or 5 miles further and stopped for the night at Mr. Manns! We did not get started until 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning and when we had gone a mile we met Judge Bigelow who invited us into his house, where we staid an hour or two. We fed the horses at Centretown. It rained so that we staid till 2 o'clock, and after we had started, before we had gone half a mile it poured down in torrents. However, with the umbrella and cloak I managed to keep tolerably dry and comfortable. The 7 miles wood is now piked for several miles and has besides a few houses in it. We stopped for the night at the house of Mr. Ralston. As the two Mr. Bigelows and he were all good Whigs they kept themselves in a roar with their jokes at (old Sausage) for some time. Towards noon the next day we got to Defiance and passed down the Maumee 5 miles when we forded. In a field by the side of the road near a deserted cabin there was a row of peach trees with the peaches rotting on the ground where we got enough to eat. At night we stopped at the house of a Dutchman, but who is as good a Whig as there is in Ohio. The next day being Saturday we went through a 12 by Mon. and came out in the northeast corner of Hancock County and about dark we got to Findlay. As the next day was Sunday I did not think of going then to Tiffin. I did not go to meeting but I read the lessons for the day besides reading in the

Bible. I do not know what you and the children were doing on Sunday afternoon at dusk but I was sitting in Mr. Bigelows house the most homesick I have been since leaving home. Mr. Henry Bigelow intended going to Carey on Monday after his wife but when Monday morning came he gave it up. They could not find any one going either to Tiffin or Carey that day. Mrs. B. did not go on Tuesday either but I was fortunate enough to get in with Mr. Vandenburgh who was going to Carey. Mr. Bigelow did not think he would come out to Auburn again this fall and took the cloak and umbrella along with me. I staid at the house of Mr. D. Bigelow and slept with Mr. H. Bigelow, Mr. Bigelow would not take any pay for my staying at his house. Findlay is quite a large town with 11 Stores 5 Taverns and the usual proportion of Shoemakers and Tailor Shops, but to return to my going to Carey, — our horses, strong and fiery, manifested at first a disposition to take us along at the rate of 10 or 15 miles an hour and were with difficulty restrained from executing their laudable intention. We did not get off till late in the forenoon and toward 4 in the afternoon we entered Carey. A train of cars stretched across the street but as we arrived within two hundred yds. they went off, there was nothing to do but to stay all night. The next day at 9 or 10 in the forenoon the Seneca Locomotive came down with a passenger car. I jumped in and in a short time was in Tiffin. I never took so pleasant a ride in my life. I found Mr. Pride enjoying good health. Mrs. Pride has been sick but is tolerably well at present.

Mr. Baldwin is gone to New York to buy goods, so there is very little business doing at present here. There are 11 stores in Tiffin. The railroad does not touch Tiffin. It goes through Get Ball a town a quarter of a mile from Tiffin. But as Mr. Pride wants to write a little I must end by saying that I am as well as common. Give my love to the children. It is getting so dark I can scarcely see the lines. I pray every day that God will bless and preserve you, and believe me dear parents to be your very affectionate son.

Egbert B. Mott.

Egbert arrived here on the 23 inst well, and I believe had a pleasant journey, he appears to be pleased with the place and will most likely be contented. I shall take the charge of him and he will board at my house and will be under my special care most of the time. I have not been able to obtain any information about Meggs Co. other than that it is considered a very healthy place. I am sorry that you cannot remain where you are because I think your practice must be improving and in fact your business is made where you are located and it will be some time before you can expect to get up a living practice in Meggs County. Your own and the health of your family is an important matter and therefore I think it best you should go. Mr. Baldwin is now east laying in our fall stock and business is not very brisk, but will improve on the receipt of the goods. Produce is low and consequently collection is difficult to be made which makes our business a hard and to manage. Myself and wife are well. Love to all. I ... Respectfully Mr. Pride

Tiffin Oct. 16th 1846

Dear Father & Mother.

I did not write any day before yesterday evening partly because I did not have match to write and partly because I had no good pen. Last Tuesday was election day. Seneca County gave Todd 908 majority and they elected the whole of the County ticket. We do not know yet who is elected Governor. Mr. Baldwin said that Knox County gave 200 less majority for the Democrats than in '44. In 1844 there were 34 Liberty votes polled in this County this year there were 150, so it seems that Mr. Lewis's speech did good to the cause. The people here have got the news that Gen. Taylor has beat the Mexicans but I have not seen any account of the battle. Mr. Pride has got in the most or all of his new goods and he sells them very cheap. I do not think of anything more to write, so I bid you all good evening.

Oct. 17th 1846

I suppose that the Whiggs will carry the State. Mr. Pride says this is the most glorious victory the Whigs ever gained in Ohio. It is reported that the Whigs have elected 13 Congressmen, William Bell and a majority in both houses. I aught to have mentioned some time ago that Mr. Baldwin saw Thomas R. Lee in New York. He is book-keeper for one of the mercantile houses. He wrote a letter to Mr. Pride stating that he had intended to visit his brother in Illinois this fall and would probably have gone through Tiffin but that he would be obliged to give it up.

Oct. 19, 1846

I have not got much to write this evening. I have

not had the ague since week before last. Mr. Pride has me take the Chologogue still.

Oct 21, 1946

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I did not write any yesterday evening because I did not have a good pen and because I did not have much to write. I just now gave a letter to carry to you to a gentleman who is going to start for Auburn tomorrow morning. I am anxious to hear from you. I do not know what can be the reason that I have not received a letter from you. I hope it is not sickness. We have had pretty cold weather here for a week past and I am now rigged out in box coat, boots and cap.

Oct. 22nd. Dear Parents I received the kind letter of yours this morning and it gave me great pleasure to hear from you though I am very sorry that you and Julia and little Grenville have been sick. Tell Sheridan and Grenville that they must not have any disputes to refer either of you or me. Tell Julia that I am glad that she has been such a good girl. I thank her for the paper she sent to me though I have not received it yet. You say that Mr. Morris has got a son. Tell his name in your next letter. Mr. Pride says there is no need of anybody having ague these days. He has tried the Chologogue and that it will cure the ague. It costs $1.50 per bottle and is called Dr. Osgoods India Chologogue. For several days I have studied some in my algebra before I went to bed but folks are in the store talking all the evening until 9 or 10 o'clock. I will try to get a Latin Grammer from Columbus or Cincinnati as soon as I can but it is time that I should stop

so I bid you goodnight. Oct. 24th You told me before I came away not to form any friendship with a boy until I had spoken to Mr. Pride about it. Mr. Pride told me almost as soon as I got here not to form any friendships with them for they were bad boys. Tomorrow is Sunday and I always stay at Mr. Pride's. Last Sunday I read 30 or 40 chapters and Sunday before last 44.

Oct. 27. Dear Parents – Yesterday I was fixing until after Ten so I had not time to write. I have seen Mr. Saffel today He is keeping store at a place called Kilbourk Bridge in Wyandot County 4 miles from Tiffin. Mr. Pride is selling goods very cheap. Shilling calicoes he sells for 10 cts. 25 and 22 ct ones at three? The election news so far is good for the Whigs. I suppose that Mr. Bell is elected by 2000 majority in Pennsylvania the Whigs have elected 16 out of 24 Congressmen the Democrats

Oct. 29. I went today to Columbus for the first part of another Latin lesson. Mr. Pride has been unwell for several days and I do not feel well this evening and cannot write well.

Oct 31. But Mr. Pride wants to write home and it is time for me to finish, so I give you and my brothers and sister my love and subscribe myself

Your affectionate Son,
Egbert B. Mott.

Nov. 4, 1846.

Mr. & Mrs. Mott

I am very sorry to hear that you and family cannot enjoy better health in Auburn than it

appears you do and I am also satisfied that you will pay the small amt. which you owe B & P as soon as you can, and I wish you not to let it be the means of preventing you from writing as often as you can as your son Egbert is always rejoiced to hear from you as well as myself. Egbert has had the ague and I am his doctor with the assistance of - - - - and India Chologogue I have succeeded in removing it at the first onset and it has not yet returned, and I am in hopes it will not. He looks much better and I have no doubt feels better than he has done for sometime. Myself and family are well and we try to make Egbert as comfortable and as much at home as we can. My wife is much pleased with him and I think they will get along well together.

Yours with Respect
Mr. Pride.

I now think of letting Egbert come to see you in the spring.

Tiffin Seneca Co. Ohio Nov 4, 1846

Dear Parents.

I sent off a letter to you today and I think I will write a few words this evening. Tiffin has been very healthy this season. Since I have been here there has not been a single death. I saw yesterday a table representing the average value of land in all the counties of Ohio. The average value of land in Meigs County is 5.97. Nov. 9. I am afraid I cannot send you a Tribune. Mr. Baldwin says he wants to keep them. I think likely you got a Blackwood today and if you did you have got something interesting to read this evening. Nov. 14th I got my Latin Grammer today and I will commence studying it immediately. Today has been a busy day with us in the store. Mr. Bernard has opened his grocery or at least has got on his oysters. There was an auction sale of books a day or two ago. They had 3 volumes of Blackwood but I did not buy anything. Nov. 17th I saw yesterday an old veteran who served ten years under Napolean, six of which he served in Italy at Lodi. He was pushed off from the bridge into the river and received a sabre cut. Mr. Pride has got in his Whig Almanacks. They are full of statistics and of interesting reading matter Nov. 21st I received your kind letter yesterday and it was with much pleasure I hear from you though I am truly sorry that Father and Julia are sick in bed. I am sorry that my letter was written so

badly. The person I spoke of as having recovered from his fall was as you supposed Mr. Bernard.

Nov. 25. Dear Mother you spoke of the large apple Mr. Ralston gave you. I expect you enjoyed it very much. I wish you had many such. I have seen many large apples spoken of this season but none of them were as large as some raised in this county and presented to the editor of the Advertiser. They weighed respectively 27 28 and 29 ounces. Mr. Greely has commenced Publising in the Tribune, Dombey and Son, a new work by Dickens. It is said to be the best work he ever wrote. I sent off today to you a Standard, but I believe I will stop for the night.

Nov. 26th Today is Thanksgiving day in Ohio and I believe in Indiana. We have had very bad weather lately and we have now got snow several inches deep. Dec 1st. Mrs. Pride has been sick for several days and today Mr. Pride went within 9 miles of Bucyrus after a girl. This has been a very unpleasant day, snowing and raining together. The Bible Society has sent on several hundred Bibles and Testaments here They sell Bibles at from 25¢ to $1.50 and Testaments at from 6¼ to 20¢. Dec. 4th I sent off a couple of papers to you today. One of them was a Tribune. It was rather old but I cannot get the new ones. It says in the Tribune that all new subscribers shall receive the first parts of Dombey and Son. In the last National Magazine there is a portrait of A. S. Stevens.

Connecticut. Mr. Baldwin asked me if I knew anything about it. I told him that I thought she was born in England. I want you to tell me where she was born.
Dec. 7th Mrs. Pride is much better now. She was not confined to her bed all the time but was unable to do work of any account. I study in my grammar every night before I go to bed. But Mr. Price wants to write some in this letter and I must finish by giving you and my brothers and sister my love. Tell Sheridan I have kissed your letter and so have got your kiss. But I must stop and subscribe myself

Your affectionate Son, Egbert B. Mott

P.S. I have had this letter laying in the store 8 or 10 days waiting for Mr. Pride to write in it, but as your letter which I received yesterday tells in the sending the amount ~~State~~ Mr. Pride by Mr. Bernard I will mail this today. Our Whig Almanacks are all gone, or I would send you one.

God bless you all Egbert B. Mott

Tiffin Feb. 9, 1847

Dear Parents

I sent off a letter to you three or four days ago containing also some writing from Mr. Pride and I think that I will write a little this evening. The small-pox is within 9 miles of Tiffin and in all probability it will be here before long. If it should come I do not know whether I could send you a letter or paper for fear it might be infected. I believe I was vaccinated so that I do not have any fear for myself. A United States Sergeant who was wounded at Resaca De La Palma has a recruiting office opened in town. Feb. 14, 1947 Dear Parents! There has been quite an excitement in the wheat business here for the last few days. It is now worth 75 cts a bushel. With the rise in wheat there has been a corresponding activity on the railroad. I do not know that the small-pox is any nearer than it was when I wrote you last. Mr. Pride has bought a new kind of lard lamps and it answers well. The wick which is used is Canton Flannel and at night when you are about to light it, raise the wick about 1/4 of an inch above the top of the tube and you will not have to raise it again or pick it for a long time. Tues. Mar. 2, 1847. The Prides received your letter containing the money on Saturday Feb 28 but as it was Saturday night I did not write any and last night I was busy. I read a good deal in the Bible every Sunday since I have been here. I have read the Psalms, the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Canticles of Sol-

and a good many Epistles. I pray every night for you both dear parents and also for my brothers and Julia. A rather outrage was perpetrated in Tiffin last night. Some men with a chisel broke open the door lock of Mr. Wharton's printing office. They scattered his papers about the room, daubed the door with printing ink, carried off his roller so that the publishing of his paper was defered until Monday. The office is in the same house with Mr. Pride's store. Yesterday morning while Mr. Baldwin was cutting a stick of wood a piece flew up and struck him in the eye. It looked very bad yesterday and he has not been up to the store today but Chester says it is better now. I am not very well at present but it is late and I must come to an end. Sunday April 9 1847— It has been a long time since I have written any to you in this letter, but about the time of my birthday I was taken unwell and Mr. Pride gave me 3 or 4 St. John's pills and then in three or four days some Blue mass combined with something more. I did not take the ague but my stomach was deranged and I had also periodical sweats. every morning. While I was in bed Mrs. Pride made me some Camomile Blossom tea which gave me an appetite and strengthened me up. April 9, 1847. I broke off very abruptly last Sunday because Chester was going to bed. My birthday came on Sunday this year and I read 38 chapters in my Bible. Though I was sick and drowsy.

Somehow or other dear Mother I have not spoken of your birthday but I thought of you on that day you may be sure and I hope and pray that you and Sheridan as all the rest of you will have many happy very happy birthdays yet. A week ago since Mr. Pride took his wife up to Mexico a small town in the County, while he collected round in the country. They were gone 8 days during which time I staid at Mr. Baldwins There are a great many grape vines in Tiffin of different kinds, principally Isabella. Mrs. Pride brought down a lot of flowers from Mexico, among which a red Honeysuckle, a Snowball and some roses, all the flowers which Mr. Pride sent you Chester got at the house of a Mrs. Brish, with whom he was raised from Childhood and some of the grape cuttings he got there also. You ask me to get you some slips of monthly rose and woodbine. I do not know exactly what a woodbine is but I believe it is either a honeysuckle or something like it. However I will try to get it, and the slips of monthly roses I will get at any sale for there are plenty of them and Mother I have something to tell you which you will like I think. I asked Mrs. Baldwin if she could tell me where there was a white one. She told me of two little ones and then said that Mr. Copenhaver and old lady Stebing, not very far from Mr. Prides, had a very large and fine one. Chester also says that Mrs. Brish has the most splendid one he ever saw. But I think dear Father that you would say mine

grafted fruit was sold in town today for 25¢ a bushel. Mr. Leather, a gentleman of this town has a gooseberry bush of the English kind from which he picked, last summer a 10 quart bucket full and a bread basket part full. April 16, 1847 Dear Parents I have not got much to write this evening, except that Mr. Baldwin has gone to New York and next week I am coming to see you, I think. Mr. & Mrs. Pride are well and so am I. I give my love to the children. Tell them I hope to see them soon. And now Dear Parents I Subscribe myself - E. B. Mott.

April 16, '47 Mr. Mott, D. Sir - we shall be compelled on acct of the business to start Egbert out to see you on the last of this week or the first of next so that he may have time to return here before the goods arrive at which time we shall want all the force we can muster. I think they may be here by the 10 day of May as Mr. Baldwin is now east and will ship some of the goods as soon as he can after purchasing. The money you enclosed to us has been duly received and placed to your Credit and I have just received the Key for the drop which you sold to Mr. Bernard. Your son can tell you all the particulars on his arrival at home.

Remember me to your excellent lady and children and be pleased to accept best wishes for yourself &c.

Yours truly respect.

Mr. Pride

Tiffin, Ohio. January 11, 1848

Very dear Parents

I sent to you a letter with a package by Frank Bernard on the last of his peddling trips, but he informed me that he did not get to Auburn with it but that he sent it to you from Fort Wayne by a young man with whom he was in company As I have not received an answer I think you have not got my letter and I suppose that you think that I have been very negligent about writing and to correct this impression is one reason that, although I am not very well I will attempt to write this evening. But my dear Father there is some particular business which Mr. Pride wished me to inquire of you about. He wishes to know if whether you have received ten dollars sent by the firm to pay the taxes on an 80 acre lot belonging to one Jesse Strong. If you have he wishes you to send to Baldwin & Pride the tax receipt and after deducting a compensation for yourself send the balance of the money back with the receipt. Do this Father immediately if you please for I can see that Mr. Pride does not like not hearing from you. And while I am writing about the affair I wish you would attend to Mr. Thomas Lloyds taxes and send out his receipt at the same time. He was a little surprised that you did not send it out by Mr. Dresser, the young man who was out at Auburn two or three months ago. I hope dear Father that you will send the receipt by the return mail. And now to other

matters. I suppose that Auburn still improves. At any rate Tiffin has. The new Methodist Church built in Tiffin the past summer and autumn is 112 feet from the ground to the top of the spire. It is called St. Paul's church. On its steeple there hangs a bell which weighs 1075 lbs. and you may imagine it sounds far and near as in its deep mouthed tones it peals forth its call for Christians to attend worship.

I hope that you all passed a happy Christmas and New Years and I imagine my brothers and sister crowding around the table early on Christmas morning gazing with eager eyes on the well filled Christmas plates and I think that maybe there is something laid by until the absent one returns. I hoped Julia liked my Christmas gift to her and to Sheridan and Grenville. I would say that they must wait like good boys until I get a little richer to make them some also.

I expect there will be a visitor along home in two or three weeks and that he will be a welcome one. I do not doubt but you need not make any extraordinary preparations for his reception but just sweep up the hearth, stir the fire, snuff the candle and set yourself down to spend the evening reading the New York Tribune. In short, Mr. Baldwin was getting up a subscription to the Tribune by which each person would obtain it for $1.00 so I just ordered one copy to be sent to E. B. Mott, Auburn, Ind. Chester is gone on a visit to Columbus and as Albert has left us Misses.

Baldwin & Pride and myself are the only ones here. I sleep alone in the store and would a great deal rather do it than to have some person sleep with me.

There are none of us well at present. Mr. Pride was confined at the house a day or so and Mr. Baldwin and myself are pretty near sick with colds. I have a deal more to write but have not time as it is 11 o'clock already, so sending you all my love I wish you

A very

Good night

from your loving son

Egbert B. Mott.

Tiffin Seneca Co Mar. 10, 1848

Dear Parents

After so long a lapse of time I have again sat down or stood up to write to you. I shall not attempt to offer any excuses for not writing but tell you all about matters and things in Tiffin. I received the letters cake, and the presents from Julia last ~~Tuesday~~ Friday I preserved the inviolate however until the 7th which was Tuesday when at supper the cake was cut and eaten you may be sure with great zest. Mr. Pride's baby was sick but is perfectly well at present. The small-pox has been all around here and a great many folks have been vaccinated over again but after all the alarm it has not yet visited Tiffin.
Well now I have not got any presents to send in return for those I have received but I have got a little bit of vaccine scab which came off from Mr. Prices baby's arm, and which you will find enclosed in this letter. The Doctor says that you shall moisten or dissolve this scab in a drop of warm water and then prick the arm just so that it shows the blood and then put the matter in it. There has been a great many deaths in Tiffin and vicinity this winter, among them was that of J. D. Ely, a merchant of this place. He went south last December for his health but on his return home with one of his brothers he was taken worse at Washington(?), a town on the Mississippi some miles below Vicksburg. He intended his brother to come up to Tiffin to fetch his wife, and his

brother took his trunk and went down to the wharf, but the boat on which he was to come had not arrived and he went back, fendering his brother weaker. He stayed with him and the boat which had been detained two days, brought up the lifeless remains of his brother. He was interred in this place by the Masonic Fraternity. He had married Mr. Hedges daughter and at their request the store was closed during the afternoon. But now, about matters of more importance to ourselves. That barrel of goods was found in Sandusky where it had probably been six weeks before the close of navigation, and the goods have been received here in good order. If you want the goods, write and we will send them to you. But do not, of course, send the money.

Mr. Pride has made two propositions to me about my staying here. The first was that I should stay here until I was of the age of twenty, and that then they would pay for my boarding and tuition for two years in the study of the law and I would then advance me money to buy my books with which I am, however, to pay back. The second proposition is this, — that the first year from the eleventh of this month I should receive fifty dollars. I will now make a statement of salary will save say

My age	15	50.00	90.00
	16	75.00	95.00
	17	125.00	80.00
	18	200.00	150.00
	19	200.00	150.00 Total $435,00

I am in favor of taking the last proposition as it will help you at present. What you would

take out of it. You of course understand that I am to clothe myself. What goods I take I am to have at 10 per cent which will, you know be a great difference if you should buy all your goods here. But my paper is almost gone and I must write to Julia so, here dear Parents is my love and certain

I remain your affectionate Son
H.C.B. Mott

Dear Julia, I received your beautiful presents and your letter with the rest by Mr. Bernard and very glad was I to hear from you. You are improving fast in your writing which cannot be said of me tonight I am afraid, but I am sleepy and this you must consider my excuse. I am glad you got the prize in school and can imagine how a couple or more of faces looked when they saw you get it. If you had heard all the praise which your cross has got for you, you would be quite proud and I like shown it to a good many people and everyone thinks it is well done. Give my love to Sheridan and Grenville. I will endeavor to send you a present some of these days. But no more at present,

Your own
Egbert.

Tiffin April 21st 1848

Dear Parents

I received your kind and affectionate letter and will now endeavor to answer it. In my last letter I said that I would not attempt to excuse myself for not writing but I had a pretty good excuse after all. About the twenty second of February Mr. Prides little boy sick. It would have a fever during the night and during the day would be comparatively well. At last he broke out all over like some kind of Rash and they concluded to call in the doctor who pronounced it a genuine case of the measles. Well I had stayed there so long while he had them without knowing it that it would not be worth while to keep out of their way now as Mr. Prides little boy was not in the way of infection the doctor supposed the system being in the right state for the measles they originated in him. Near the time that Mr. Prides child took sick some persons were in from the country to a protracted meeting which was held in Tiffin who had the disease and by them it was communicated to a great many others so that the disease has been all through Tiffin. I did not tell you these things in my other letter because I knew it would cause you a great deal of uneasiness and could not possibly be of any help to me. About the middle of March a little girl who is living at Mr. Pride's took the measles. She had them pretty hard but they did not last a great while. Mr. Baldwins three children all had them and so did Chester who had them very hard as he was confined to the house two weeks and then came to the store to have to go back again for a week. Wells

a week ago last Sunday night I went to bed feeling about as well as usual, but in the morning I crawled out feeling anything but well and to make a long story short had the measles, but I had them very light and thought I was at the house about ten days I was in bed only one and a half. I came down to the store again yesterday morning for the first time since I had them. I was the most afraid of my eyes as the measles often affects them very much but they have got along as well as I could hope. It is now a week ago this morning since they came out and I imagine there is no danger now although I have a slight cough which the measles has left me. The Barrel of goods has been fresh packed and was sent to Sandusky today with a letter from a warehouse man for them to ship the Barrel by the first steamer to Toledo. I selected a pair of shoes which I thought would come the nearest to what you want of all that we have. As the Barrel was packed while I was sick I did not put any grafts into it. But Mr. Bernard will be in Auburn in a few days and I will send some seeds by him.
Mr. Prides boy was very sick with the croup after he had the measles which had actually come out again. Afterwards for awhile they despaired of his life, but he at last got well. Mrs. Pride has had an attack of the chills and fever which the doctor has not been able to break. You speak about my coming out to see you this Summer and Mr. Pride says that I shall come out to see you in July if I live and have my health. Tell Hulda,

Sheridan and Grenville from me to be good children, obedient to their parents and kind and affectionate to each other. Give my love to them not forgetting to keep some for yourself. But I cannot recollect anything more to write tonight and I must not strain my eyes.

And so dear Parents I must bid you goodnight and be certain that I remain your

Loving son

E. B. Mott.

May 24

Very dear Parents

As I have an opportunity to write in this letter to you I thought I would do so to tell you how I am getting along and to reply to your kind letters for I believe I received two since I wrote to you last. In the letters which I have received from you there is news pleasant and painful. I am sorry, very sorry to hear that some of our friends are in trouble and it appears to me at this time the family of Mr. Freeman had a great deal of it. The death of Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Freeman ? with posting of counterfeit money makes a hard time for the family. And so Mr. Puffinberger is dead also. When I lived in Auburn, he was a violent man and suppose that selling liquor did not help him much. I have not been very well this spring, although I have not been sick in bed, but I am very glad that you are all well at home. About this Land Office business. I am very sorry that you did not know about it earlier, although if the office is not already disposed of I think that you can get it, and if you do get it you may thank Mr. Pride for it. I do not mean that his personal influence with Thos. Ewing would secure the office for you but he has obtained the names of several persons, among them that of Mr. Hodges who are also acquainted with him. I suppose Mr. Pride has told you that there is another little boy at the house but he has not been named yet. I hope to come out to see you sometime in July if the cholera is not on the road. Hoping to give my love in person before

Tiffin Ohio July 23, '48

Dear Parents

I have again arrived in Tiffin and commenced another year clerking to end with I hope another two short week at home. This is Sunday and dear Father's Birthday and I suppose that at this time Father is at Meeting with Julia and perhaps Sheridan and Grenville for you see I persist in calling J. G. by his first name though for that matter D. J. believe that you all do! How I wish I was a better writer and my desire is not in the least lessened by the cadets of Temperance among whom I was enrolled yesterday evening having appointed me to an office in which there is some writing to do. Well I suppose I must try to write to you some account of my journey from the time I left Auburn in the morning till the time I reached this place. Well to commence, In due time after leaving Auburn we reached Fort Wayne and went to the Hediken House where we remained until about four o'clock in the afternoon when the packet comes in that night about one or two o'clock. Mr. and Mrs Park got off at the Junction when they would have to wait until about twelve the next day. We got into Defiance about three in the morning and after passing through Independence, Florida, Texas, Providence, Napolean and a few more such immense cities Perrysburg or rather Maumee City safely about 1 o'clock, but I went over to Perrysburg about a half an hour later where I had to wait until 12 o'clock at night when the stage started for Lower Sandusky. However they were building a large schooner there which would be readied

to sail in a few days to be called the "St. Marys" and that evening at 6 or 7 o'clock the steamer John Hollister come in so that the time passed rather more pleasantly than it would otherwise. I forgot to tell you that at Tefas on the canal I fell in with a young man who used to live in Tiffin and he came on with me, so we laid down on a bench in the Barroom to sleep until the stage would come in when we started for Lower Sandusky which we reached about 7 o'clock, but too late for the Tiffin Stage.

Sunday July 30th 1848. I broke off very abruptly as it was nearly Sunday School time and so postponed finishing my letter until another Sunday. Well as I said before I got into Lower Sandusky too late for the stage but as the Bellview stage was not gone out I thought it would be cheaper to go there and then come to Tiffin on the evening passenger train than it would be to stay over at Sandusky till the next day. So I got to Tiffin in the evening though I had to travel thirty seven miles instead of 18 for when I got to Bellview, I was further from Tiffin than I was when I started from Sandusky. I found the folks well here, that is, those that are connected with the concern, for death has not been idle. The very young man that I bought the fire crackers of is dead, and I was at his funeral, which was large. A horrible accident occured day before yesterday morning. A Mr. Stone was sending a load of apples to [illegible] and driver [illegible] a hired

man. The wagon had no bed but a store box full of apples was on the wagon. Mr. Stones had two little boys on the wagon when one of the wheels went down into a chuck hole at one side of the road where both of the little boys were thrown off of the wagon which ran over the head of the youngest and split his head from ear to ear. The other one, though he had his head hurt badly is getting better. A day or two ago a man vomiting in the cars, put his head out of the window of the car and as they were going over a bridge he was killed. Day before yesterday I cut my hand, though not very badly. And this completes the chapter of accidents for the present. I hope I am well at present and I hope that this will find you the same. Enclosed I send you some samples of goods and a great of love for both you, Julia, Sheridan and Grenville as a goodbye for this time.

Your affectionate son,
Egbert B. Mott

I must put on the Esque some other time.

Monday
Tiffin Ohio Jan. 28th/50

Very dear Parents

I received your parental letter Saturday evening and although your letter was not very satisfactory to me I hope to overcome all your opposition to my going to California. Chester starts tomorrow morning and will leave New York on the 7th of February on the Empire City for the Isthmus. It was indeed an oversight on my part in not informing you which way Chester intends going. There are eight others going with him and about twenty-five others will go from here in March. I hope to go with these last and as Chester is not going to ——— he will be able to help me to some situation. I forgot to say that there are two boys going with him - one of them is not as old as I am. Because I am not used to hard work is that any reason why I should not begin if I can to advantage?

Rolla C. Brewster, a young man who went out from Mr. Shonhaus Store here in this town is clerking in a store in Sacrymento City for the miserable pittance of five hundred dollars a month until he collects enough moneys to be able with some others to buy out the concern, and he is now literally coining money, while another young clerk who was nearly dead from consumption when he left Tiffin is now working in the mines making his sixteen dollars a day. You know dear Parents, I always wanted to travel and here is an opportunity to travel and while I improve my mind by observation and lay in stores of knowledge I can improve the state

I do not know as it would be worthwhile to speak to Chester about fetching home any chunks of gold as he is going to be gone ~~three~~ two years, and I will be long gone before that time is out. I suppose dear Julia does not much like my going to California, but if I go this spring there will be enough gold sent home for her to go to Oberlin College before long. My brothers are growing up and should have a better education than I have and with your permission I'll have the tuition.

Write immediately and say I may go, and there will be time enough to come out and see you before the sailing of the steamer that I will go on, and you must expect glowing accounts of my journey and all the incidents of a miner's life.

Dear parents, don't refuse your consent to my making some money for you!

Mr. Story wants you to write to me how much is offered for his land and what terms. He also wants you to write what you think is the value of the land. It is some time since he was in Indiana and he does not know the value of the land.

There has been a revival in the Methodist Church and sixty admitted into the church. Frank Bernard has been _____ and was converted the other night. He left for out west this morning.

We are all well here. My love to all.

Your affectionate Son,
Egbert B. Mott, Jr.

Let me go to California

La Farge House
Henry Wheeler, Proprietor
Broadway, New York.

Mar. 1, 1863.

Dear Julia,—

Sunday and a rainy dull gloomy day. I have been hard at work all the week. Tomorrow the Steamer leaves I shall get off my letters and go to Washington tomorrow morning. Aunt Ann is still there. I was out sleighing Tuesday and Wednesday with our cousins. Called? and before the arrives I shall go over to Cottage Place. I like Mattie more than ever ——————. This long dash means a conversation with Wheeler, the proprietor of this house. The ? is a rampant traitor and Secessionist and I shall leave ——

Mattie's two children are rather interesting. Mercedes, the girl, is slender and tall for her age. A dark brunette with beautiful eyes and hair. They seem very fond of Mattie and she is wrapped up in them.

Julia, I cannot finish this letter. I am too full of wrath. This infernal Connecticut traitor landlord has made me nervous.

I hear frequently from California. They have rather disarranged my plans by sending me more gold than I expected. There is $10,000 coming to be here about the 15th of March and $10,000 about the 25th and I have to look out for selling it. I cannot just say when I will be home.

I have ordered furniture for the parlor— Small sofa, four chairs, one easy chair, Mirror, center table and whatnot for corner.

Love to all

I am really happy to learn of Sheridan's improvement.

Yours lovingly,
E. B. Wolcott

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San Jose, Cal., June 9th 1879

My Dear Sister

Last week I was on the Court and to morrow I am going again to stay for a few days in the village of Pescadero a very pleasant place about a mile from the ocean beach - Pebble Beach is about two and a half miles away and is quite a noted spot - Cornelians agates and other pretty and sometimes valuable stones are found there - I sent Mother some of my gatherings and on my return will do the same for you -

I have not heard from you my dear

for some weeks -
On the 7th I got letters
from Grenville and from
Mother both telling me of
a visit from Winfield
Mott - I shall like him
because he went out
west visiting you
I think I wrote you
that Edith and Mary were
visiting Nellie Wood during
the absence of her father and
mother East - I believe
that to day they go to
Sacramento taking Nellie
with them. Kiss my
Nephews and little niece
Lovingly
Eglent

Extract from the diary of
Mary A. Mott

Dec. 7, 1871 — One hundred years today since my dear father John Winterbottom was born. We drank this toast to his honor. "The glory of children are their fathers". Born Dec. 7, 1771 - Died 1854.

Dec. 20, 1871 — Rec'd a draft from Egbert for one hundred dollars sent it to pay for one share of bank stock which had been assigned to me in the distribution of shares.

Dec. 13, 1871 — Looked over my account with Julia from Nov. 1st 1870 to Dec. 13, 1871 I had boarded with them 31 weeks. Paid $22.50 cents leaving all that was due, but Julia says several weeks were unpaid in the summer of 1870. I will look in my diary in Auburn.

Feb. 11, 1872 — The Church is called the St. George built A.D. 1755. The oldest grave of the Winterbottoms bears date 1797. The inscription is John Winterbottom of Rock Bottom. That I suppose is my father's uncle. Another grave is William Winterbottom of Mill Wood.

Feb. 22, 1872 — Received a letter from dear Brenvill's dated London Jan. 6th. It made me very happy. Also I heard of the publication of two ships in the Army the American ship Guild and five were drowned on Feb. 7th. I rejoiced in Christ but my happiness now gives me the reverse of that.

Mar. 4, 1872 — Went to Auburn took little Egbert with me. I returned Saturday the 9th The weather was bad and my strength over taxed and I took some cold.

Mar. 7, 1872 — Egberts birthday made to [illegible] our spirits were so low that it [illegible] cheering one.

June 18, 1870 — Went to Worcester by the 8th ferry boat

July 3, 1870 — Returned from excursion. [illegible] Julia, Dr. [illegible] and the children dined with Dr. and Mrs. Woodworth

July 11, 1870 — [illegible] Julia and Dr. Ely started for [illegible]. Julia and children by the 8th ferry Dined with Dr. Ely's

July 23, 1870 — In Dec. [illegible] Received a copy of our own Reynolds de Ab. Had blogs Ely Jamaica.

July 30, 1870 — [illegible] paid in advance.

Sept. 22, 1870 — In Albany [illegible] Rich Institution [illegible] for the sale of our homestead, two and [illegible] Julia, [illegible] Live quite [illegible]

Sept. 27, 1870 — Left [illegible] - I [illegible] - I will [illegible] and I took six [illegible] spend many [illegible] Was property has, I [illegible] Increased in Value.

Oct. 2, 1873 — Left [illegible] building.

Feb. 21, 1873 — Received a letter from [illegible] announcing [illegible] to [illegible]

Taken from the Diary of
Mary A. Mott

Feb. 2, 1873 I think I have never known a colder winter than this of 1872-3. It began Nov. 14. Now Feb. 24 the ground is covered with snow and has been three months.

April 3, 1873 Came to Auburn - was taken ill at Mr. Baldocks and did not occupy my own rooms till today May the 3rd.

May 3, 1873 Left Pierceton for Auburn March 20 - returned today - stayed last night at the Meyer House Fort Wayne

May 8, 1873 Katie Hartel came to work for me.

May 15, 1873 Bought a Paisley Shawl of a pedlar from Manchester.

May 17, 1873 Yesterday went in five o'clock train to Waterloo to see Julia confirmed in the Church by bishop Talbot. Was introduced to Judge Carpenter and family and staid with them all night - returned to Pierceton this afternoon.

May 16, 1873 Transplanted two Liberian crab trees, a grape vine and some yellow raspberries and an old dwarf pear and a little seedling grape.

May 17, 1873 Planted wall flower and Rocky Mountain Columbine. In the afternoon read Gates-Ajar. Am struck with the similarity of her thoughts to my own upon the death of our friends as expressed to Mr. Sturdevant in July 26, 1868 months before hers were published.

May 18, 1873 Katie Hartle went home so I was alone last night and today wrote to Julia Copied out two pieces of poetry that I wrote many years ago and read Gates-Ajar. The day has been fine and my spirits have harmonized with the day.

May 23, 1873 Received two letters one from Grenville - the other from Lizzie Pride containing the sad news of her father's death - he was a clerk of my father and from our youth we were friends.

May 27, 1873 Anniversary of Sheridan's burial.

May 30, 1873 James Johnson hung my pictures and window shades. The Masons laid the stone foundation for my bedroom.

June 18, 1873 Have agreed with Mr. Baldock to add to the house he is building for me a kitchen 16 by 14 with a cellar under it, the whole to cost 250.

June 20, 1873 This afternoon Mrs. Faurot came by - She will go early tomorrow. Sent my deed to get it recorded and gave her a dollar to pay the fee.

July 4, 1873 He took out a pencil a portrait he sketched - Wherein each hellish passion at full length was stretched - with lying and impudence varnished it neat - Then called it Bett Philips and swore 'twas complete.

July 21, 1873 Julia and family came by bus over this evening.

July 10, 1873 Julia Chamber children left by the eleven o'clock train for Fort Wayne.

July 19, 1873 Insured my life in favor of son Egbert to pay him for keeping up the insurance on his life for the benefit of my heirs. Now I trust in the mercy of God that he will outlive me his loving mother.

Taken from the diary of
Mary .. Lott

Sept. 1, 1873 Martha Perrow and I left Michigan City after tea in company with Russel for Chicago where Martha and I took a sleeping car for Burlington thence to Fort Madison where we found brother Hillis waiting for us.

Sept. 19, 1873 Parted with sister Martha at Burlington - she going to Chicago - I to St. Joseph where I arrived about three O'clock in the morning - walked off the platform and crushed my ankle - was carried to Hotel.

Oct. 31, 1873 Arrived at home in Pierceton this evening from Missouri.

Nov. 13, 1873 Got ready to go to Auburn by the eleven o'clock train but no hack came to take me to the station and it began to rain.

Nov. 14, 1873 Wednesday night came to Auburn. Had an interview with Mr. Flue on Thursday and with Mr. Baldock on Friday. Placed my notes against Mr. Baldock and his wife in Mr. Flue's hand ready for the Jan. settlement.

April 28, 1874 The heaviest snow storm I ever knew so late in April. The storm came in Connecticut on the 25 in Auburn, N.Y. on the 26 and here it began on the evening of the 27.

April 1, Mrs. Dorsuch took possession of her room - rent two dollars per month.

May 10, 1875 Letters to Albert Pelle, N.Y. - George Abbott, Nebraska - postal card to Kronville - a note to Mr. Flue [illegible] Mr. Baldock's note telling him to take security - [illegible] Mr. Flue.

May 24, 1875 Monday, Reginald's birthday. He is [illegible] he would have been 10 years old [illegible] and quite brown he was cold that I have not seen a bunch of blossoms on either apple pear or peach trees.

[illegible] 1875 Thursday - Wrote to Kronville & Lizzie Pride - to Kronville that I would visit them about the middle of June. To Lizzie asking her to arrange her visit so as to come early in July.

June 5, 1875 Left Pierceton by the 8 o'clock train - staid with .. Ellsworth till five o'clock and then came to Auburn

June 7, 1875 Commenced [illegible] myself at home.

Oct. 7, 1875 Albert's second son born.

Dec. 21, 1875 I pursued [illegible] my nephew Mr. Winfield Scott, son of my husband's brother James Scott. He had been on a visit or rather principally on business to Monroe City, Mo. to attend to [illegible] in Penn. He visited Kronville in Michigan City, [illegible] Millford, Indiana &c. and stayed one night with me. I [illegible] pleasantly [illegible] and I [illegible] enjoyed his visit. I hope he did.
I began to read [illegible] a book entitled "From Belle to the Bosphorus" It is [illegible] and what I might [illegible] second visit to Europe. Travellers to Europe [illegible] see [illegible] or curious sights of [illegible] Europe. [illegible] native [illegible] Belgium.

Mr. Perrow busy in visiting [illegible] sheep [illegible] and had [illegible] a man called [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be troubled with though only 14 sheep have died out of the herd. But then the sufferers in these parts are uncommonly large.

Taken from the diary of
Mary M. Mott

In Bushire he says an epedemic is caught as in a trap and must of necessity, go on killing people while there are any left susceptible to its influence. The town is so filthy, and ventilation is so impossible in its crooked lanes and stone blind alleys.

began to read Shakespeare Monday afternoon April 26 After Granville had visited me two days. He came on Saturday and left today for Dalton to see some business he attends to before he goes home from which he has been absent some weeks.

I go through a play I intend to copy some of the fine quotations which seem to be perfect gems precious in themselves compact and worthy to be set in the highest of intellectual crowns worthy of the brightest and richest setting which earth can afford but not enhance their value.
Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.
But you, O you so subtle and so loveless and crowned of every curse under heaven. Imogen.
Will tomorrow bring a tale - Merry Wives of Windsor
Why then the world's mine oyster which I with sword will open - Merry Wives of Windsor.
For it is not good that children should know any wickedness: Old folks you know have discretion, as they say, and know the world - The same.
Those that are fools let them use their talents - Twelfth Night.
Anything done if bad did well.
I will drink because then art virtuous there shall be no more cakes and ale.

Jan 17, 1871 On the opposite page I say, that I think I have never known a colder winter than that of 1870-1 but now 1871 I think the past winter cannot have been far behind me the weather to cold with a sprinkling of snow this morning.

Received a slip from Mrs. Underwood's rose - white with buff centre.

Paid Mrs. Blue ten dollars per year for living and paying rents on room, for building. Commenced it. Saturday April 15, 1871

April 11, 1871 Two years ago today Daniel Denton was married in Springfield, Mass. to Miss Leonard.

April 1, 1871 Spencers principles of psychology, Published by D. Appleton & Co. in N.Y. In quarterly parts. Price 2 dollars per year.

Dec 7, 1879 Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock Mrs. Esther Bullock died - there is one good woman the less in this world - Annie said this morning that she would see us. Mott. I had not thought of it before but it is a pleasant thought - She and I both expected that I should go first when she nursed me through that terrible fever but for a considerable time past I have not thought she would live very long. The last time I saw her was in April - I was taking some roses to plant from another yard to this.

July 5, 1880 Granville is here on a visit. He will leave this afternoon, in conversation I said I believe I could read some lines of a scathing satire which I had written a year or two. I recalled the whole and wondered how I was able to do so. "Brave my dear in thoughtfulest mood
Judging by myself as most distant from good
Lucifer his old mate in contriving a figure
To represent hatefulness in its full vigor.

Today August 6, 1880 Mrs. Bullock spent the afternoon here while Annie rambled with her little boy, and Mrs. Harriet Bullock spent the afternoon at their Uncle Edward Partridge's. I had enquired of her concerning the age of her brother William and also

Items for the diary of
Mary A. Lott

[illegible] Mary loved them but [illegible] was in question but she could not tell us. I asked Mrs. D. and she said they had lived here 2½ years that they came here on the 1st of Nov. and that William was two years old that month. Annie is two years older than William. Annie born Sept. 2, 1871. I think Mr. Baldock says born Nov. 16, 1874. He says here in Nov. 1873.

[illegible] In the afternoon to nursery - no one else there - The influenza has ceased to rage in Elkhart on account of the heavy disease and has caused here the death of but one other I think. Stayed until 12 of [illegible] weighed 3 lbs.

[illegible] coming from Granville over Buffalo & Erie R.R. We had no notion of his arrival in New York. My heart was so full of gratitude. I thought I was the happiest woman in Indiana He brought me a beautiful bound volume of [illegible] poetry and pencilled which I hope to get engraved with the date of [illegible] Libby - Prisoner Exchange Agent - He knew's were settled in Essex in 1775 where they had [illegible] Union.

We [illegible] are the daughters of Mary: Mary is the child of love but little [illegible] the period when the best love [illegible] Mary is Milton.

On Dec. 1, 1854 we first heard of dear Mrs Thurs death. In some way we talked of burning Directly and he had been dead [illegible] days before we heard. Granville set the day down on which we received the news.

For Spotted Fever the homeopathists found in cases of [illegible] Aconite 1st [illegible] Veratrum Album every half hour [illegible] Aconite was very urgent [illegible] Veratrum Album fifteen minutes for a time, increasing the [illegible] fifteen doses as the [illegible] improves.

For rheumatism in my right shoulder Rhus Toxicodendron every two hours alternately, seven pills to [illegible] each.

The happiest Christmas I have spent for many years. Granville is with us and I am spending the winter with Julia in Geneva. It seems to me our holidays such as Christmas Easter and birthdays ought to be considered as little temples of concord into which we may go at stated seasons to refresh and strengthen our hearts with memorials of God's goodness to us and ours. Above we may strengthen family ties and take off rings of love, friendship or gratitude. Mary Egbert sent me a beautiful set of gold and jet jewelry consisting of ear ring and pin. Granville left us the morning after.

Dec. 31st I did something my papers say I should that I had paid five dollars a week for every week I spent over it. I never mean to pay my board. I had lent them money.

Mr. Lamont bought my piano above receiving one years credit price 7 dollars.
Wrote to Duchess Co. [illegible] dollars for copy of Lott Records J. J. 30 1873
Madame Audri Bersani of Italy by courage and patience has succeeded in recovering the stitch of the Venetian point lace which has been lost since the thirteenth century.

A. L. Stephens, at Cloud Hotel, Corner of 4th Street & Broadway, N. York.

Dec. 22 wrote to Mr. Lent to [illegible] suit at Law.
Dec. 22 to Harriet Baldock asked her to bring [illegible] Ann Arbor
Henrick Scharling - Danish writer author of The Rivals or Love & Marriage.
Began to read Scribner in Journal Dec. 7, 1871

Taken from the diary of
Mary A. Lott

ansas taxes in this state beco e due in Nov. if not paid on or before Jan. 10th a penalty of ten per cent is added. Early in March the land is advertised and sold in May. Three years after the sale a deed is made to the purchaser two years after the former owner is barred from recovery.

Dec. 27 wrote to Mr. Corning - Invited one to visit A. Penner learned that fifteen dollars I sent to her is lost - also more than two dollars sent to her sis.

Dec. 27 wrote to Lauren Clark concerning our logs, also to Annis Perry & Co. Wrote to John Pride Burdett Baldock and M. Lay.

It appears Indians even go to prevent one sleeping as if suffering should lie down with his head to her bon at the sly.

Magna Charta sealed June 5, 1215 Runnymede.

President Grant's speech in Philadelphia

Gentlemen and merchants of Philadelphia, you have heard much better speeches tonight than I could make if I was so inclined. I am very glad to see you; and am pleased to hear that you have been to hear such fine speeches and how you have been engaged tonight.

Mr. Grant if meant the classes of persons the gentlemen of the city were not merchants and merchants were supposed to be eloquent gentlemen. It seems he was not inclined to be very eloquent like Cicero [illegible] be as funny as he could. He is for honesty with his money. I and [illegible] brand brand. Now the office is to grant. Republicans votes to give to trade with.

Fifteen Gentlemen - Benjamin Franklin began [illegible] in various years from 1729 to 1766 but never before collected and on the eve of publication by Mr. Emerson in three volumes. The text is printed verbatim from the many original printed [illegible] both [illegible] of the English Newspapers, Franklin perhaps ignored [illegible] from.

I say that he [illegible] in an address embodying [illegible] point is also to the city of Philadelphia. Should [illegible] first of January and [illegible] to [illegible] Nov. 27, 1872

Packing [illegible]
The [illegible] Jackson [illegible] hearing [illegible] Jackson [illegible] Brandywine. [illegible] 1873

[illegible] 1836 [illegible] and sundry [illegible] and four boys and two girls - Joseph [illegible] to be restored.

In the [illegible] five [illegible] Ireland on like with them or five [illegible] five points, [illegible] the [illegible] rose, for the eighth cross [illegible] points is now [illegible] the first house.

The son [illegible] is a gentleman [illegible] second [illegible] is a good [illegible] story.

When Ann the Mary of
Mary A. Mott

In the Parish of London County of Essex is a Manor called [illegible] which in the History of Essex says it is [illegible] was so called from a family of the name who held the Manor. John Mott was Lord of the Manor in 1375. In 1406 it had passed out of the family of Mr Motte and was owned by Clement Spicer. Lord Petre born in 1555 or five bought the Estate of "Three Mill" from the Unwortths also the Manor of "Great Birch" and lived in Essex in Ongar. William in the work on Heraldry says that the King at Arms, of the period confirmed to him the Arms Motte - a crescent Argent. Collais taken 1387 2d and 3rd. Drakards History of Stanford Allen's History of the County of Lincoln.

1671 Mr Denton the people enjoyed the ministry of the Rev. Richard Denton an honest pious and learned man of the Presbyterian persuasion.
History of the New Netherlands Volume 2nd page 31f. The above named Richard Denton was the Father of Daniel Denton. The earliest English writer on this province he was chosen Clerk of the town of Jamaica at the first meeting of the patentees 1656 an office to which he was annually elected down to 1664. He accompanied his father from Stamford in 1644 after the surrender of the country to the English. He engaged in the purchase of some lands at Elizabeth Town N.Jersey but he sold his share to Captain John Baker of L.I. and John Ogden of Northampton. He represented with Thomas Benedict the Town of Jamaica in the assembly of deputies in 1665 at Hempstead. He proceeded to England sometime after where he published a brief description of New York formerly called New Netherlands with the places thereunto adjoining London 1670. After his return he resided at Jamaica where his name is found on the Records in 1684-5. His description of New York was republished by Gowans in 1845 with notes by the Hon. Gabriel Furman. Captain Underhill.
Daniel Denton and Adam Mott were the English commissioners appointed on the part of the English to treat with the commissioners of New Netherlands, and they made a treaty which was to remain in force one year in 1664.
The Motts of Norfolk and Sussex have the same Arms as The Essex family but they have added a motto and crest. Denton an English poet died 1777.
Ann Mott further says that her great grandfather Mott also lived in Duchess Co. and moved from Long Island.
My mother had five sisters. Martha married Moses Haight, Elizabeth married Elias Hoag, Deborah married James Lacy, Margaret married James Haff, Ann married Oliver Shewit.

A man who would raise himself into a power should begin by securing a pecuniary independence. -- Bulwer.

James Denton the son of Daniel was one of the nine partners who purchased all the land granted by Queen Anne to the unfortunate Palatines - when I was a girl I remember there was a place in the state of L.I. called the Nine Partners - in memory I suppose of that transaction. In 1683 the Gov. & Council gave the Sheriff power to demand of the inhabitants of Jamaica the number of marriages, christenings and funerals during the 7 preceding years that is from 1676 to this time. - It is very likely that it was Daniel Junior who was the Clerk that signed the report. Daniel Denton Sen. was the first Clerk of Jamaica and was also a delegate to the first convention ever held in that province. Roger Barton represented Brookhaven in the same convention. He was the great grandfather of Mary the wife of Isaac Denton. Daniel was associated with Mr. Underwood and Adam Mott in negotiating the first treaty between the New Netherlanders and the English. He afterwards returned to England and published in London a History of the Province of N.Y.

Adam Mott came to America in the ship Defence.

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